

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed September 9, 2008, the Examiner required restriction between the following groups of invention:

Group I: Claims 31-55, drawn to a process; and

Group II: Claims 56-70, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I , namely claims 31-55 for the purposes of examination. The election is made without traverse.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an amendment is needed to place this case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response.

Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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